LENTONS
LEISVRES
Deſcribed,
In divers Moderne Characters.

By FRANCIS LENTON,
Her MAIESTIES Poet.

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Et
Dum video vivo.

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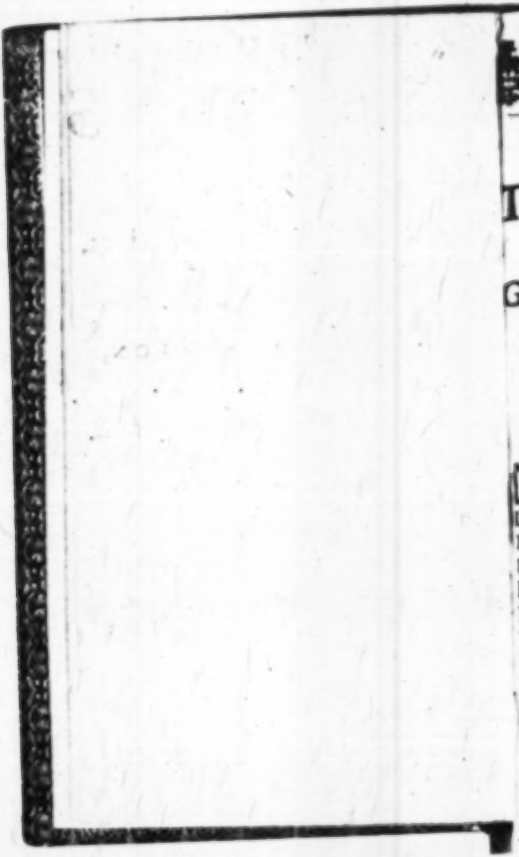

TO

The Illuſtrious Majeſtie

OF

Great Brittanes Monarcheſſe,

our moſt Gratious Queene;

MARIE.

MADAM,

Mevvit now hath lent a Birth,
In waggiſh Proſe to give your Grace ſome Mirth,
In which both *Iuvenall* and *Martiall*
Meete, and doe mixe their honey with their gall;
Heere I adventured to cut a Sluce
Into the Times enormious abuſe,
I point at no Man ſingle, but Trueth knowes
That horſe is gall'd that winches as hee goes:
Laugh then (bleſt Lady) and amongſt the reſt,
Proteſt this Pamphlet peeping out in ieaſt.

Your Graces ſeruant,

Fran: Lenton

TO

The Illustrious Duke

OF

MARL.

To his most lou'd friend
Mr FRANCIS LEN-
TON.

IF loue, not Learning
May my lines preserve,
To front, not grace
Thy well writ Character;
Or if a willing minde
May plead th' excuse
Of my vnable,
More vnworthy muse;
Then take me with thee Fran's,
I meane as well
As he, whose lines
But few can parallell.

And

And tho my approbation
Cannot adde
Leaſt luſtre to thy booke,
Or make't be had
In more eſteeme:
Or free it from the mew
Of Simon Simple,
Or the ſenſeleſſe Crew:
Who finding more
New Characters, will aske,
What's he dares vndertake
So blunt a taske.
Then Matter Criticke
Comes, and ſeemes to ſnarle,
Saying this worke
Onely becomes an Earle.
Yet this I know,
Thine are ſo witty, merry,
As would haue bin
Allow'd by Ouerberry,

Had

Had he e're ſeene 'em:
Boldly then goe on,
Well to enlarge, what
Thou haſt well begun.
For in deſpight of
Blacke-mouth'd Calumny
Thy lines ſhall liue
Vnto Poſterity:
And after-times may
With delightfull pleaſures
Find ſportiue mirth
In reading Lentons *leaſures.*

Thine euer,

IOHN COYSH.

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Characters.

1. *A State Politician,*

AS a great Man deepely read in the Myſteries of iniquity; who being wel grounded in the Theoricke, aſſumes

the Practique as an Effect of the Cauſe: One, whoſe much ſtudy hath cald him to more Care then Conſcience, that whatſoeuer by Power and Proiect he atchieues and accumulates to himſelfe, his pretence is ſtill for the good of the Common-weale: For the ſafety whereof he watcheth as a Foxe for his prey. Forraigne eſtates are as familiar with him as his owne, for the knowledge whereof he ſpends much, and gets more. The vulgar honour him more for fear then loue, and either barke, or are ſilent, as his diſtance is from them. Their popular applauſe hee

eſteemes

eſteemes not, but laughes at their Enuy in his higher Spheare, ſoaring aboue their Capacities by the ſides of Princes, and ſeriouſly contemplating how to carry himſelfe in the next Charge, being neuer troubled with any alteration, hauing his ſeuerall Poſtures for all; for his Grauity, his lookes, and his language are neere allide, this auſtere, that ſeuere; for his Habit, hee is all ouer furr'd, but ſeldome or neuer foxt, except at a Coronation. In a word, he climes vp with much coſt, ſtaggers there with many cares, and commonly falls

with more feares, And thoſe that neuer durſt libell him, liuing, dare cowardly throw one of *Iuuenals* ſtones at his Graue.

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2. *A Gallant Courtier,*

IS the outſide of a Statesmā a little more gaily trimd vp, and as he is repleat with internall indowments, ſo this is compleat with externall Complement. Hee is a man ſo courteous, that hee cannot deny you any thing, and ſo careleſſe after his grant, that he will performe no-

nothing. One whom your Taylor is much bound to for his new faſhion(which is his prime ſtudy) and he reciprocally for his Taylors faith, (which neuer goes without works)both which concurre together till the day of account,and then he is deferr'd till doomesday, or elſe preſently paid with a Priuilege. Hee hath more deuices vpon a new Doublet, than *Ouid* ha i verſes,and thoſe as Geometricall, as his naturall. He ſpares for no coſt whileſt he may be credited; and when that failes, he fals vpon ſome full-mouth'd Lady, whoſe marke hath beene long out;

where he ſtil preyes but ſeld, or neuer praies for ought but her death. Hee is compoſed onely of two Elemens, Ayre and Fire, Leuity and Choler, hauing the predominance, wanting water and earth, humidity and ſolidity, and holds nothing more ignoble than the defect of formality. His Barber and his beard doe hold a faire and euen Correſpondency, and agree aſwell as his head with its Perriwig, of which, how carefull he is, the doffing his Beauer will diſcouer, euen from *Ludgate Hill* (if he dares come ſo nye it) to *Chairing Croſſe*, his more ſecure walke. His Congees

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are ſo com mon, that few care for them, and his bodye's moſt lowly, when his mind's moſt lofty: *Cupid* is his key, *Venus* his deuotion, and *Mercury* his meſſenger, whilſt he cornutes lame *Vulcan*: You may ſmell him before you ſee him, and ſee him long enough before you know him. Hee is oftentimes his his owne admirer, and thinks himſelfe the onely obiect of others, whilſt they thinke him their obiect. In briefe, his tongue and his heart are moſt commonly as great ſtrangers, as his hands and his actions, or his large promiſes & lame performances.

3. *A young Barreſter,*

IS one call'd too't by Reading, though he neuer read for't, and hath tane his leaue of *Littleton* before he was wel acquainted with him. At his firſt entrance he hath a very good Conſcience, and therefore loues the Chancery better than the Common-Law, aſwell for the effect of the one, as the defect of the other; where he liues by perpetuall motion (as not yet ripened, for thoſe more harſh and ambiguous Demurres and

and arguments) and ſubſiſts by the ſame, till by ſtratagem in Law, he hath ſurpriſed ſome Aldermans daughter, by putting the Caſe rightly, who through the greeneneſſe of her youth and face, is horne mad for a man of his profeſſion. His very calling writes him Eſquire, though his Scutchion ſometimes cannot ſpeak him Gentleman, except by way of admittance. Hee is very open-handed till his fee hath clutcht it, and then he's open mouth'd, and will be ſure to ſpeake more than toth' purpoſe, whileſt his ſilly Client reioyceth as much in the ve-

very tone of his tongue, as the ſubſtance of his talke, be-being both coequall to his capacity. His Clients are his Soule, and when they faile, he expires, onely here's the difference, hee prouides not for his ſoule, but his ſoule for him. Hee'll ſpeake more in a moment, than doin a month, and warrant your Cauſe according to his reading; till your hearings proue his holidayes, and your Trials his experience. His ambition is to climbe to the ſeat of Iuſtice, but is loth to be blinde in the place, leſt hee ſhould not ſee thoſe pictures his ſoule takes pleaſure in, but in

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the meane time, hee is ſtriuing to be put in Commiſſion, where perhaps you may ſee him the next Quarter-Seſſions.

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4. *A Commiſſary,*

IS a man much giuen to libels, or rather libels to him, and (which is much) is priuiledg'd to receiue them, and proues a gainer by the hand. Hee trades much in Will and Inuentory (the Relicks of the dead) which he files with much felicity, and howeuer the Executour ſpeeds,

ſpeeds, hee is ſtill of the taking hand: He lookes not ſo much to the performance of the Will, as the payment of his Fees, and viſits the wife of the next Vicarage. Hee hath many foule caſes layd open before him, and hee as ſoundly canuaſſes them; by the which he acquires a faire purſe, and a foule Conſcience. Baſterdy and Bawdery are his chiefe rents, and incontinency and whoredome his Farmers; and (which is ſtrange) he liues by that, for which all men dye, (Sinne.) Hee hath many Viſitations, which hee beares very patiently, in regard of the ſweet

Cordi-

Cordials accrewing therby. He is your hasty youths, and and yonger Scollers Oracle, who daily worship him for his speedy licence, that they may both presently enter into their Pulpits, and he into their purses. Hee is one that shall excommunicate you, *ipso facto*, for fiue shillings, and absolue you immediately, *ex officio*, for three shillings foure pence. In briefe, He is the Bishops mouth, the Bawds eare, the Sinners absolution, the Whores purgatory, the Diocesan Mountebanke, the Church-wardens terror, the Parsonages friend, and the Parsons superuisor, with

with whoſe wife I now leaue him till the next Viſitation.

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5. *A Paraſite or Flatterer,*

IS *Salomons* abiect, debar'd euery wiſe mans Table, not ſo much for his gluttony, as his glozing. He is ingendred by Pride, hatcht vp by arrogance, and perpetually foſtred by fooles (the Anuils on which hee ſtill beates) who by reaſon of their inſenſibility obſerues not his inſinuation, but are preſently puft vp with thoſe Peacockes-tayles he ſtickes in their foreheads.

heads. Greatneſſe neuer goes without this applauſiue Puppet, and goodneſſe neuer can abide him, there being a kinde of Antipathy between them. His tongue is in the Eare of euery affectator, and then neuer further from his owne heart. Folly and popularity are his prime obiects, and he is ſtill preſent where they predominate. He cannot be truely generous, for he is a ſlaue to others mens humours, a thing contrary to a true birth, or a true heart. His greateſt pride is, that he onely thinkes other men beleeue him: his greateſt pleaſure that hee can laugh at them

them in's ſleeue; and his greateſt profit is picking of thankes: hee hath more wit then wiſedome, and more garrulity, then grace. He is a great obſeruer of mens fancy that hee may fit his lyre to that tune. All men in the end hate him, and hee goes out like a ſnuffe. His Conſcience accuſes him that hee hath praiſd Men more then God, and conſequently got praiſe of neither; which hath ſo deiected him, that hee drops off like a greene apple in a great winde, and by his bruſe growes rotten at Core, and ſo cozens the next Coſtardmonger.

6 An vxorious man,

IS one who hath left all the world for a woman, and all women for a thing called a wife, with which idole, he is ſo effeminately bewitcht, that hee forgets his annuall worſhip at Ieruſulem, and is tied vp with a golden Calfe at home. This Dalilah is his Deuotion, this Ruler his religion, this Eue, the onely edge to his appetite, and he will taſt any fruit ſhe tempts him to, (though ſower graps) This man is neuer his owne man.

man, but in thought, for his actions intended, are either diuerted and writhed by her ſimple will, or els wholly violated and broken by her ſuppoſed wiſedome; He can be no good common wealths man, he is ſo confinde to her cannopy, nor a good church man, he is ſo tyde to her cannons, nor a wiſe man, to be vanquiſht with her willfullnes: Hee thinks himſelfe as ſafe in her ſauours as Adam in his firſt forme, and hopes to merit Olympus, by making a Goddeſſe of *Diana*; the which hee is aſſured by his faith in her faire promiſes, and his obedience to her ſacred

ſacred Oracles: In fine, hee is good for nothing but to multiply mankinde, and conſequently, Sinne, and (which is fitteſt for him) not when he purpoſeth, but when ſhee pleſeth. He cares for no body but her, nor any body at all for him; ſo that he may liue quietly without company, and dye in his owne folly without a funerall.

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7. *A Country Widdow.*

IS a broken ribbe of *Adam*, turned looſe into the world againe, and is ſearching for a new

new Boneſetter, and newly poliſhing her ſelfe for a ſecond edition, or more faire impreſſion. Shee hath lately beene ſomewhat mortified in memory of her deceaſed, but hath ſuddenly gathered vp her crummes, and giuen her ſelfe out a brace of hundreds more then ere hiſeſtate was worth, beſides his debts and legacies, wheras her validity proportionable can ſcarce abſolue thoſe. She carrieth her ſelfe ſmooth, demure, and familiar, yet at a certaine diſtance, leſt too much familiarity ſhould breed contempt, and then ſhe may cough long enough for one

one to court her. If ſhee be young ſhe is capable of copulation, and the ſooner caught in that coniunctiue Ceremony; if paſt her prime, the more libidinous, ſubtile, and dangerous, hauing a double wil, the one from her deceaſed, the other from her widdowhood, by the laſt of which you may perhaps buy a pigge in a poke; if ſhee be wealthy, all your comfort is, ſhe is her owne woman, and not ſubiect to the auaricious counſell of peeuiſh parents, who care not though the girle cuckold him, ſo the carle be ſcraping. She is an obiect to many, and it's well

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if but one light on her. She hath already taſted of Mandraks, and likes the fruits ſo well, that ſhee longs to graft more imps vpon that ſtocke. She is now trim'd vp for the next faire, where if you can bargaine for her, you may ride her home with a twinde thread, and then make the beſt of an ill bargaine.

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8. *A Chamber-maid,*

HAth her properdenomination from the Place where ſhe is moſt conuerſant and couchant (the Chamber)

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and is the carefull poliſher thereof, the obſequious pinner of her Lady, and the true louer of her Taylor, euer ſince the curious cutting of her laſt Waſtecoate, who (with his gooſe) hath made ſuch impreſſion in her, that her Ladies Cloſet is thereby impouerißht, and her Marmelet melted in his miſchieuous mouth. The beds and ſhe are a kinde of Relatiues, where by reaſon of her neere alliance and familiarity, ſhee catcheth manya fal(to which ſhe is ſubiect)but is ſeldome hurt by it in regard of their ſoftneſſe. Shee is the inſtrumentall cauſe of her Ladies

Curio.

Curioſity, and Pride, the originall as alſo the ſecret and ſoft ſhutter of the Portall, when her Lady would be priuate. Sowing and ſtarching is her prime occupation, and the Cloſe-ſtoole her greateſt ſlauery. Shee is a creature commonly very courteous, and may proue an honeſt woman, if ſhe be not puſt vp in the place. She is the patient endurer of her Ladies peeuiſhneſſe, which perhaps may purchaſe her a paire of old ſilke ſtockings, which ſhe prouidently layes vp till the next Summer, & then dernes them for the wedding day. Watching and warming of

cloathes

cloathes in a ſhort time wrinckles her, and the bloſſome once blaſted the fruit faileth. The beſt ſhee can acquire is but Maſter of the Maydes, and the worſt that can befall her is but footing of Stockings.

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9. A broken Citizen,

IS one whoſe hornes are growne ſo great that hee is aſham'd they ſhould be ſeene, and is therefore glad the Gates are wide enough to giue way to his paſſage, of which he takes his *vale* for a

certaine ſeaſon to ſome ſiniſter Sanctuary; where hee lyes at racke and manger, whileſt his too credulous Creditors are gnawing their Thumbes. By his ſubtill carriage hee wrought himſelfe into their Credit, of ſet purpoſe, ſhortly to bee out of their company; which, with acute language hee hath at laſt accompliſht; and now they may go look this Buſh-lane needle in a bottle of hay. Hee abſents himſelfe ſo cunningly, that they ſhal not ſo much as heare of him, till they haue ſpent their galls, and then by degrees he giues way to their inquiry with a letter

letter from Ireland, or ſome place farre remote, whileſt, (though diſguis'd) hee is at the next Tauerne to them; obſeruing how like ſo many Kites they lay wayt for the Chicken in the Wood-pile. Hee hath beene a man of a large tongue, & ſhort haire, which two haue beene great helpes to his game. Hee is a man now ſo well lyn'd with the coyne acquired by his former impoſtures, that hee is in a quandary whether to giue them a deſired Compoſition of twelue pence i'th pound, or to abiure the City for euer. His Conſcience (as falſe as the light he once de-

deceiu'd by) tells him, they that loſt it may ſpare it, and hee that winnes ought may weare it, whilſt hee ſpends it worſe than hee got it, and muſt certainly pay for it, he knowes not how ſoone. Hee now diſcouers the ſecrets of ſilly Tradesmen, and laughs at his ſleight in his higher Spheare. Hee hath now admitted himſelfe amongſt the multitude of Man-ſlayers, and feeds them for feare, and his owne folly for fashion. *Catilford lane*, and *Ram alley* are his Caſtles, Caſheerd Captaines, his companions; Souldiers his Conductors; and Serjeants and Bayliff, his

his perpetuall dreame and Terror; and in that little eaſe I'll leaue him, till hee hath ſpent that he hath ſtolne, and then his laſt Refuge is Ludgate, where his doleful voyce giues more delight than pitty to his repining Creditors.

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10. *An old Bawd,*

IS a menſtruous beaſt, engendred of diuers moſt filthy excrements, by the ſtench of whoſe breath the Ayre is ſo infected, that her preſence is an ineuitable con-

tagion, her eyes more poyſonous than the Baſilisk; her noſe (if any) moſt peſtilently pocky, her tongue more ſubtile than the Hyena, who ſtil howles in ſome fained voyce for the deuouring of innocents, one who hath damnably deſtroyed her own ſoule, and is diuelliſhly deuiſing the deſtruction of others. Shee is the mother of impudency, the Dungeon of diſeaſes, the daughter of luſt, and the moſt obſcene ſiſter of ſcurrilous and laſciuious delights. An excellent Aſtronomer, for by the ratling of her bones ſhee can diſcouer the alteration of the weather;

ther; Fooles haue fatted her vp to the day of ſlaughter, and Knaues are ready to cut her throat for it. Marſhals, Beadles, and Conſtables are her continual terrour, whom by much ſiluer, ſhee perſvades to ſilence; ſillymaids, vntam'd youths, and ſullen wiues are her cheefe marchandizes, and ſhe ſells ſinne on both hands at a high rate. Adulterate beauties, and counterfeit complexions, are her alluring baits to deceiue the ſimple, and all's fiſh that comes to net with her; All the credite ſhee hath got by her abomination, is carting without cõmiſeration & ca-

ſting of loathſome things at her defiled Carkaſſe. Diſeaſes at laſt dryvp her marrow, and rottenneſſe ſo ſhiuers her, that ſhee drops aſunder on a ſudden, and wretchedly dyes without pitty; for whom, a Chriſtian buriall is too courteous.

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11. *A Pandar,*

IS the Spaniel of a Bawd, who fetcheth and carrieth at her pleaſure, and is the moſt ſeruile ſlaue of baſenes. For halfe a crowne he will be your ſeruant all day, and for the

the whole cut your throat at night. His lookes are commonly ſilly and dejected, but you will finde his heart deceitfull, and his actions damnable. Hee will fawne vpon thoſe hee feares, and roughly miſuſe thoſe he can maſter. He liues at all diſtances and poſtures, one while Tapſter, or Tobacco-ſeller, otherwiſe Strumphuſher; now brother, then Cozen; ſometimes maſter of the houſe; yet all this while, Rogue, Theeſe, and Pimpe. Hee is impudency it ſelfe, for if the officer approcheth, he ſweareth and forſweareth, as the caſe ſhall require. Hee is much ſub-

ject to Kicking, and is often baſted, together with his Bawd. He walkes in perpetuall darkneſſe, and is ſtill in danger of the Watch, and cannot be otherwiſe than the abortiue iſſue of ſome Adultereſſe, his nature is ſo conſonant to theirs. He is ſpu'd out of all honeſt company, and foſtred with none but fornicators. He liues thus till Bridewell hath poſſeſt his Bitches, and the Pox poſſeſt him. And then with a meagre countenance, and creeping threed-bare Cloke, hee creepes from Bawd to Bawd for a cruſt to comfort his crazy Carkaſſe, and at laſt

laſt in his owne ordure, moſt deſperately and diſtractedly dyes in a ditch, a graue alreadie digged for him.

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12. *A Countrey Girle or Darling,*

IS a raw, young, and greene maid, newly arriued at the Hauen of diſcretion, and yet farre fro n the Port thereof, one that thinkes more than ſhe ſpeaks, ſpeaks more than ſhe vnderſtands, and vnderſtands more than ſhee dares expreſſe. Shee is prankt vp like a Peacocke by her doting

ting Parents, and is the precious pearle of her mothers Pride, for the Crow thinks his owne bird the faireſt, and they thinke their Gooſe a Swan. She is a babby trimd vp for euery feaſt and faire, where the Plough-drag ſalutes her with two kiſſes, two penny-worth of peares, and a two-penny red ribbon, which hath ſo rauiſht the Girle, that ſhee gads after him with much greedineſſe, and preſently puts finger i'th eye for his abſence. Shee is very to vardly and tractable, the cauſe that her father ſo feares his horſe-keeper, leſt hee ſhould ſteale her and his horſe

horſe together. Shee is one whom no deſert can gaine, nor Gentry obtaine, except he can firſt plough with that Heiffer, and then hee may finde out the Riddle, for ſhe is falne in loue with an Acre-ſtaffe, and longs to handle it. Shee is her fathers hope, and her mothers happineſſe, the Paragon of that Progeny, though the courſeſt in that Countrey. If they dare truſt her, ſhe is ſent to bee ſold at the next Market, together with her Basket of Butter, where at the Croſſe her ſimpring will ſcarce giue her leaue to tell the price on't. And thus I leaue her ſtill longing

ging for ſomething that her friends like not, and in that onely conſiſts her wiſdome, that ſhe will pleaſe her fancy ſooner than her friends.

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13. *A Lawyers Clarke,*

IS a ſpruce youth ſomewhat aboue the degree of a Scriuener, much conuerſant amongſt ſheets & skins, Subiects he works vpon much, & is a kind of a Iugler, who by ſlight of hand, will ſuddenly make a cleanly conueyance of your eſtate, that you ſhall not afterwards need to ſtudy how

how you may prodigally ſpend it; and he will ſo contriue it by preſident, that he will make you an example whileſt you liue. Hee is one who will doe more with a gray Gooſe wing, than euer *Robin Hood* could doe, and is very dangerous, if once hee puts his hand too't. Foure pence a ſheet hath furniſht him with a new Suit, and he ſomtimes executes the place of a Gentleman-vſher vpon his Miſtris. Hee is a man generally of no ſolidity, except by his much coſtiuenes with continuall ſitting, yet a man of great ſtudy, inſomuch it hath ſo ſtupified him, that he looks

lookes for his pen when it ſtickes in's eare. Littleton is too obſcure for his capacity, and not one amongſt forty of them can reade Law French. He is commonly a good fellow, and loues to gaine no more than hee meanes to ſpend. Hee hath a peece of *Iudas* his office, (the Carriage of the Bagge,) which were it full of Peeces, as it is of Papers, hee might chance to ſhew his Maſter a tricke for't. Hee aſpiers ſometimes to his Maſters daughter, but being ſtau'd off there, hee choppes vpon the Chambermaid, and there ſtickes faſt. He hath

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lookt for preferment till age hath dimm'd his eye-ſight, and is now endeuouring to goe Clarke of a Band in the next voluntary Voyage; which if hee ſpeed, the Leagre ſo belouzeth him, that hee returneth with much Humility, and poorely proſtrates himſelfe for a halfe-penny a ſheet. He is a meere Clarke without any other quality, and hath ſeldome any commendation, but hee writes a faire hand.

14. *A Carle or Farmer Tenant,*

IS a kinde of a Mole, perpetually deluing in the Earth for his dinner; and is of as great iudgement as *Æsops* Cocke, esteeming his corne more then precious stones. He is a fellow of a very great stomacke, which his Landlord can quaile, sooner then his poore dinner pacifie. And is somewhat of the nature of a Hogge, looking still downward whilst hee chawes and gathers the Acornes,

cornes, not knowing the Tree whence they fell: and ſeldome looks vp, but for a ſhower. He is the wretched Modell of our forefathers miſery, and that which was *Adams* curſe, is his calling; Sorrow, the ſweat of his face, and a barren field, are his wrackt rents and reuenewes, and a griping Landlord his intollerable griefe. Yet hee riſeth early with the Larke, and whiſtles (as hee thinkes) to the tune ſhee ſings, when his broken notes demonſtrate nothing but Muſicke for a horſe, and according to that whiſtle is his ſinging of Pſalmes (the cauſe of ſo much

much diſcord in the Countrey Quire.) When hee tils the Earth, he tallowes it with his owne greaſe, and endures it the better for the dunging of his ground. His harueſt is his greateſt happines, which is more welcome to him then the Sabbath, and in reaping time hee wiſheth none, leſt he ſhould looſe more in that one day, then get in the other ſixe: for though he acknowledgeth godlineſſe to be great gaine, yet his greateſt is his graine. He is the ſoyle on which all Citizens and Idle folke feede, the very drudge and doghorſe of the world, one that dares not

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eate the fruit of his labour leſt his rent ſhould fall ſhort, and he be turn'd forth of his toyleſome Vineyard. His hands are his lands, his pleaſures reall paines, his Crops carking Cares; his food, the bread of ſorrow, his cloathes the ſkinnes of his outworne Cattell, and taglocks of his traull: his whole life a continuall toyle, and his worke an endleſſe warfare. His greateſt comfort is his lawfull Calling, and his moyling in the Earth, a meanes of his mortification. Euery Clodde he turnes ouer is the emblemе of his miſery. And his Colter and ſhare the emblemes

blemes of his Graue, the which hee is alwayes digging.

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15. *A double benefic't Parſon,*

IS a Maſter of Arts or Crafts, who by ſauour and coyne, hath caught a degree a yeere too ſoone, and now lyes for all the liuings he can lay hold of. Hee hath already rung his Bels for two Parſonages, and not ſufficiently prefer'd by thoſe, is putting in for a Prebend or two to make himſelfe more compleat in his Taffeta Tippet, and more curious

curious Caſſacke. Simony and he are Correlatiues, and that which hee obtaines by Simony, he retaines by Subtilty. His Degrees giue him a Doctor (tho a very dunce) and his deuice is now for the next Deanery, to which Muſicke, money muſt be the Maſter of the Organs, if hee meanes to ſing in that Quire. Hee hath two Pulpits and one Sermon, which he preacheth at both his Pariſhes at his primer induction, and then a couple of ſilly Curates read out the reſt of his Incumbency for the twentieth part of his Parſonages. Hee is one who hath the

the cure of others ſoules, and yet (by his account) cares not for his owne; and (the more's the pitty) is clad with the fleece, without feeding the flocke. His Pulpets and he are ſo falne out, that they hate one another, and 'twere no matter if he had falne out of them long agoe. His greateſt ſtudy is how hee may wracke his Tythes to a higher Rate, and then feed at eaſe like a Boare in a Frank. He's very fearefull of another Parliament, leſt one of his Liuings ſhould fall ſhort of his reckoning. He hath fiſht till hee hath fild his bagge, then ſits downe to fil's belly, and

and lends little or naught to the diſtreſſed. Hee is one whom God hath ſalne out with for his too little teaching, and his Neighbours for too much Tything: He will ſooner conuert the Gleabe into a paſture then a ſoule to his Maſter, & is of this opinion, that if hee hires one, his duty is perform'd. He is the cauſe of ſo many poore Schollers, and his ouer bidding, the debarring of their giſts, or foreſtaller of their Markets: And yet he is ſo ill inclin'd, that hee curſeth the Laity who poſſeſſe impropriations, and is now grown ſo fat with pleaſure & pride,

that nothing will ſatisfie him but a Biſhopricke, or a Graue; in the laſt of which, he is daily wiſht, that ſome man of more deſerts, might climbe to that place hee ſo ſeldome came neere, (the Pulpit.)

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16. *A young Schoolmaſter,*

IS a new Commenc'd Bachelour, who hath ſuckt ſo long at the paps of his Nurſe, (the Vniuerſity) that ſhee hath almoſt pin'd him: and therefore his fortunes denying him the degree of Maſter,

ſter, in a reſolution leaues his Nurſe to rocke the Cradle her ſelfe, and boldly aduentures into the broad world, (like a Lapwing with it's ſhell o'th Crowne) with Lilly in's head, and Ramus in's hand, where in ſome ſmall Village hee firſt exerciſeth the Art of a Pedagogue, for inſtruction of Infants. Two pence a week, by the Rurals, is proffered him at his firſt entrance, for the literature of little Primmer Boyes, and foure pence a weeke for Accidences, beſides his Sundayes dinner, by turne, together with the plaine gifts of ſome of their plainer mo-

thers; by the which, hee atchieueth to the annuall Pension of ten pound *Sterling*. He is one still exercising the rod of correction, and the greatest part of his Reuenue, is the fees of tender mothers for sparing his rod, and hating their Children. He doth all things in order, for hee hath now taken orders, and beginnes to peepe into a Pulpit with a pocket-Sermon; and as that takes, is either animated or discourag'd, to proceed to a Vicarage. Hee is one commonly of more desert than respect, and often, for his good parts, surpasseth their lazy Parson. If

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he ſcapes a Free-Schoole, he may light vpon a Free-holders daughter, and her loue may procure him a Library. A Lecture read to her may enlarge his Patrimony, and a licence confirme. Hope and patience are his props, and his perſwaſion is ſtill, that the ſeuen Liberall Sciences wil not ſee him want. A Free-Schoole Lecture or Vicarage is his next ayme, and if all theſe faile, A Scholler, by his induſtry, may ſoone bee fit for any thing.

17. *A Countrey Alewife,*

IS a ſubtill Creature, who ſeeming to bee clad with ſimplicity, and to be as plain as her poorer Petticote, by her ſhort Courtſies and rurall carriage, will draw till both you and her Barrell be both dry together; and may be term'd the Water-worke of iniquity, or the Vnctious Engine of ſophiſticate and adulterate Ale. Toſſing of Iugs, Pots, and Cans are her ioy, and the froth the beſt part of her gaine. The Aſſiſe of

of bread and beare is as hateful to her as a Promoter, and yet all is not well except he be in with her; and (which is worſe) ſhe is forced to make the Diſners drunke once a month to conceale her cunning. Shee is the Receptacle for all commers, and whatſoeuer be the company, their coyne ſhall bee alike to her. Her Purſe fils as their bellies, but empties not ſo ſoone, for it ſeldome exonerats its ſelfe till the Maulſter appeares, and then farwell forty-pence. Miſreckoning and ſhee are ſworne ſiſters, and her owne daughter is forc'd to lie for't. Drunkenneſſe and quarrel-

lings are her daily gueſts, and miſchiefs, oft-times, the murtherer of her ſigne; and then the barrels are ill entreated for their ſo liberall contribution. Forlorn ſwaggerers are her greateſt ſorrow, for they'll ſcore againſt her will, and then wip't out with a wet finger. Shee hath fill'd her Purſe by forfeiting her Recognizance, (which the Clarke of the Peace will empty with his fees.) As Drunkards encreaſe, ſo doth her Tipping; and the Tap and ſhe are toſt vp together. She loues Tinkers and Pedlers for their true payment of her, and hates nothing more.

more than a Puritan, or a Parſon that perſwades from drinking. Shee is annually forced to purchaſe a new licence, that her launted liquor may runne more warrantable. Oathes, Idleneſſe, and infinite abſurdities are begotten and foſtered at her Alebench, and poore Aleknights wiues and children doe perpetually curſe her.

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18. *An Aldermans daughter.*

IS the peeuiſh Spawne of a peremptory Citizen; now

ready at the point of preferment, and is highted vp for that purpoſe, and is the purer mettle of the miſer her father; who, not long ſince, deſcended from the loynes of ſome lubbardly Farmer, and is now by giddy fortune furd all ouer, and in the vanity of his ſpirit lookes aſconce if you miſſe the title of Maſter Alderman. This Peacocke, his daughter, is one of the painted Pageans of the City, who dares not look vpon her ſplea foot for cruſhing the ſets of her Ruffe with her Chinne, and weares her coat the longer to conceale them, yet (ſuch is her pride) cannot for-

forbeare the holding them vp for her ſilk ſtockings ſake. She is grown to that height, that ſhe ſcornes to know her fathers courſer kindred; nay more, longs ſo for honour, (the Idoll of fooles) that ſhe diſdaines a bird of her owne feather (a Cockney) though a fooliſh Knight; and ambitiouſly (through the conception of her coyne) aſpires to the Court, and thinks a Lord little enough for her. And though ſhe be crooked both in mind and body, yet confidently mainetaines, that Gold makes all things ſtrait, for which ſhe knowes her father hath not ſtretch'd his Con-

Conſcience in vaine. She is the prettieſt Parrat her mother hath hatch'd, and in her diſcourſe (which is neuer ſolid) will ſpeake non-ſenſe with much celerity, and wil paſſe by it without bluſhing, or notice of it. She with the French-hood her mother, doe pace with much pompe and equipage to the Spittle, to the Rehearſall Sermons, where ſhe retaines only two ſenſes, a wandring eye, and a liquoriſh Pallate; ſeeing of ſtrange obiects, and taſting of ſweet-meats, with which, her purl'd handkerche is repleat. Her mind is much ſet vpon Court Maſques, the cauſe.

cauſe of her ſleighting the City, where ſometimes ſhee hath participated of ſuch curious Cates, that the pleaſure of thē will not yet out of her Pallate, which makes her in penſiue ſort ſollicite her parents to giue her her owne choyce; and howeuer, ſhee will be a Lady, though ſhee loſe all for't. If her mother once call her Madam, ſhe is made for euer, for it is the heighth of her ambition to bee the top of her kindred, leſt her betters ſhould take place of her. Her Title, and Attire are her onely Idols, with which ſhe is hurried in a Coach with ſix horſes, to

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the heighth of her pride, (which muſt haue a fall) and then perhaps ſhe may be left with a Litter.

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19. *A Prodigall,*

IS a profuſe fellow puſt vp with affectation, and nuſled in the ſame by vaineglory (the finall end his ſmaller wit and thinner skull aymes at) towards which all his vntoward actions tend. Hee deemes all his equalls, his inferiours, eſpecially thoſe he moſt accompanies, amongſt which hee thinkes himſelfe the

the beſt man for paying all the reckoning, which they incontinẽtly without grudging grant him, leſt their very offer ſhould prouoke him to indignation, at leaſt to oaths, to which he is very apt. He is neuer in loue with mony but when he wants it, and when he hath it, he ſleights it. He is one of a very yeelding nature, inſomuch, that if you praiſe ought of his that he affects, he preſently beſtowes it on you, ſcorning to be ſo baſe as to ſtand a begging. Nothing troubles his ſoule ſo much as to be laſt in a new faſhion, or the leaſt in company when hee is ſo accoutred.

tred. His carriage is very courteous, yet ſomewhat quilted with ſingularity (the ſecret pride of Prodigals,) fooles are his admirers, and knaues his foothers, whilſt hee forgets himſelfe to remember them, and neuer thinks of ſhutting the ſtable-doore till the ſteed be ſtolne. His greateſt bragge is, hee hatescouetouſneſſe, not dreaming how in the meanetime he imbraceth the contrary extreame vice. Hee ſpends with ſuch confuſion, that his ſuppoſed friends and aſſociates doe willingly forget his Courteſies, and is of ſuch ſublimity of ſpirit,

rit, that he neuer lookes ſo low as hogs, til he eats husks with them, and then the Trough proues his Touch-ſtone. All men behold him with an (alas! tis pitty) whilſt few or none ſupply his pouerty which purſues him like an armed man. He is at laſt o'retane like a Butterfly in a ſtorm, & left by all thoſe that ſeem'd to loue him, and (me thinks) in anguiſh of Spirit I heare him croſſe the Prouerb and ſay, Better is a penny in one's purſe, than a Courtly friend.

20. *An Vſurer,*

IS an old Fox clad in a lamb-skinne, who hath preyd ſo long abroad, that hee hath feather'd his neſt for his time, and now ſits cloſe in his Denne, and feedes ſecurely vpon his former ſtealths. And though the Prouerbe ſaith, *Ill gotten goods neuer proſper*, yet it failes with him, for his golden tree floriſheth and croppe increaſeth what weather ſoeuer comes. And if old *Time* lends him but yeeres and dayes ſtill, hee cares not, though

though hee giue time to o-thers, as if he had it to ſpare. Gold and ſiluer are his Idols or Images, which he hides as cloſe as *Rachel* did her fathers; he keepes them priſoners vn-der locke and key, till Bils and Bonds giue ſecurity for their ſafe returne, with ano-ther petty imperſonall Idoll, cald Intereſt. His greateſt mi-ſtery is the particular know-ledge of each petitioners e-ſtate, who ſolicite him for money, which by ſecret in-telligence hee knew better ſometimes then the borrow-ers themſelues, which if hee feares, hee tals off till they finde ſecurity to fill vp his mouth

mouth. His perpetuall meditation is vpon the future dayes of payment, which he punctually obſerues, hoping the miſſing of a day may make a forfeiture, and hauing law for't, let conſcience goe to the diuel. He is grown very ſubtill in his trade, prying into the poſſeſſions of young heires, whoſe parents by debts and legacies haue impouerisht, & if he can but catch them in a Calfe-skin, he is cocke-ſure; for by ſuch mortgages, his mony ſo eats, that thereby hee ſoone atchieues Fee-ſimple, for by many ſuch Calfe-skins, he is able to cloathe himſelfe in Sables.

Sables. He ſeldome furniſheth men at the firſt entreaty, though the ſecurity be ſufficient, but will procraſtinate you for a weeks intermiſſion, pretending in the meane time to borrow it for you; which borrowing, attracts Brokage, the yonger brat of Vſury. In his trade aboue all others, you muſt both pray and pay, and yet nere haue thankes for your cuſtome: commonly hee dares ſcarce eate of his abundance for diminiſhing the ſtocke; and but for cold, would goe naked, to ſaue coſt: his very habit will diſcouer him from top to toe, and his leaner chaps

chaps, his pinched carkaſſe. He is ſtill counting his chickins before they are hatcht, whilſt his owne day of account befals him vnawares. Hee neuer ſang the fifteenth *Pſalme* with a true heart, which troubles his conſcience on his death-bed, and may iuſtly make him feare hee hath loſt more Treaſure then ere he traded for.

21. *A Broker,*

IS a forlorne, or Bankrupt Tradesman, who hath diued into diuers ſorts of mercatory deceits, and findes none ſo ſweete as this miſchieuous myſtery of Brokery, (the blacke Art of diſhoneſty.) Hee is the receptacle for Theeuery, and a vent for much Villany. There is a reciprocall kindneſſe betwixt him and a Rogue, and wer't not for filſhing, his Trade would faile. Rather than not be trading, hee will deſcend

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to petty Larceny, or any knauery to gaine a penny. Pawns are his perpetuall practice, for which (of what kind soeuer) hee neuer lends aboue halfe the value, setting a peremptory day for their redemption, with six pence for the bill, and interest treble the Statute in the hundred, vpon their redemption, which he seldome feares, for hee knowes the parties to be no such pay-masters. Hee workes much vpon Pouerty and necessity, and by his vnlawfull interest, oft-times eates out the price of that they were full sorry to part with. He confidently walkes

by his old remnants, for all commers, ſitting at the receit of all ill Cuſtome. Coozeners are a great part of his Cuſtomers, and Cut-purſes his Coadiutors. His chiefeſt knauery is the alteration of the property, that the diſcription of the deceiued, may not find out the deceit. Hee is a backe friend to the Citty, the ſcum of Tradeſmen, a ſotterer of Theft, and a palpable ſtaine of the Suburbs. Long-Lane, & London-wall may yet embrace him, (to the great wrong of Newgate) till ſome further Law reforme it, for the Receiuer is as bad as the Theefe, and

the enticing cauſe of ſtealth, of which many accuſe him; and if he be ſo impudent as to deny it, Tiburne may ſhortly proue it, which diſpatcheth many more deſeruing.

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22. *A Thraſo or Braggadotia,*

IS a boyſterous fellow in a Buffe-Coat, ſwelling like *Eolus*, in windy words, whoſe tongue is ſtill applauding himſelfe, and detracting from others; and by grim lookes and ſterne language ido-

idolizeth his owne ignominious actions. One that makes all his frayes with his vnctious Tongue, and then is forc'd ſometimes (vnwillingly) to maintaine and defend them by his timerous hands, or to auoid them by her treacherous feet. His valor is daring and affrighting words, which hee foameth out with ſuch a forced fury, that you would thinke him in earneſt, and ſo hee would be, ſaue that his heart giues his tongue the lye, which it as obediently puts vp, as hee will your blowes; for hold but his fained Choller vp to its feeble height, and begin

but where hee ends, and hee'll quake like an Aſpen leaſe, or grow ſo flegmaticke and coole, that he will take your kickes for courteſies, and your corrections, for good miſ-conſtructions, yet by this rough way hee often carries the conqueſt amongſt Cowards, whoſe ſmalleſt ſatisfaction, vpon any cauſe of duell, he ſuddenly entertains with inward ioy, leſt perſiſting in his peremptorineſſe, he ſhould force them but to offer defence, of which he is is very fearefull. And if contrary to his intent, hee chanceth by his auſterity, to incurre a quarrell (of which he is

is very cautelous) it's enough to put him into a quartaine ague, and his temerity is suddenly turn'd to timidity. That little valour which hee hath, I must needs confesse is true, because it's link'd with discretion; for, I'le warrant you, hee'll strike none but those he knowes will not resist: hee is a Schoole-boy well learnt in this, that hee knows who he can master. In briefe, he is one that would be valiant, but for beating; and being beaten, esteemes himselfe the better man, in that hee aduentur'd it. And may be compar'd to a Tempest, that blusters a while,

and is ſuddenly ſilent; or to a blazing Candle, that flutters till it extinguiſheth, and then ſtands there ſtinking.

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23. *A Sempſter Shopkeeper,*

IS a feminine Creature furniſht with the fineſt Ware, making her greateſt gaine of *Sindon*, or fine linnen; transforming it into ſeuerall ſhapes for that purpoſe, and may bee call'd the Needle-worke purle of prettineſſe. Shee is very neatly ſpruc'd vp, and placed in the frontiſpice of her ſhop, of purpoſe, (by

(by her curious habit) to allure ſome Cuſtome, which ſtill encreaſeth and decreaſeth as her beauty is in the full, or the wane. Shee hath a pretty faculty in preſenting herſelfe to the view of Paſſengers, by her roling eyes, glancing through the hangings of Tiffany and Cobweb-lawne, that the Trauellers are ſuddenly ſurprized, and cannot but looke backe, though but to view babbies in her face, and in affection to her comelineſſe, muſt needs cheapen her commodity, where they are wrapt into a bargaine by her beauty, and doe kiſſe the Nurſe for the childs ſake,

which ſhee kindely accepts, and deſires them as they like that, ſhe may haue more of their Cuſtome. In her trade ſhee is much troubled with ſtitches; amongſt which, backe-ſtitch is the moſt ordinary, eaſie, and pleaſant to her; and if you cannot bargaine for her Ruffes in her ſhop, ſhee will fit you with choyce at your Chamber, ſo you pay her well for her paines: She is well acquainted with hemming too, which ſometimes makes her leaue her Needle to drinke a cup of Canary, to breake her ſtitch; nor is ſhee ignorant of Cutworke and Purſework but

but hath her particular patternes for them too. Her ſmile, in asking what you lacke, will force you to want ſomewhat (though but a paire of ſockes) and by your buying of them, ſhee may draw you to a ſhirt, and warm it for you too the next morning. She is the patterne of cleanlineſſe, the Barbary Button of brauery, an Exchanger or Citty Barterer, who cannot want cuſtome ſo long as her ware's good. She loues not thoſe that lye naked to ſaue linnen, and hopes to grow fat by coyning new faſhions. And thus I leaue her ſtitching till her thread be

be cut, that ſome younger of her faculty may trade in her turne.

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24. *A Proſtitute or Common Whore,*

IS a Creature in the forme and ſhape of our mother *Eue*, but of farre more impudency, for as *Eue* deſired to hide her nakedneſſe, this couets to diſcouer it, making a Trade of luſt, and a paſtime of incontinence. A painted *Ieſabell* peeping out at her polluted windowes, with a nod or beckon to allure the ſimple;

ſimple; and ſhameleſly ſaluting thoſe ſhe ne're ſaw; and may be compar'd to a Iakes, which euery rogue vſeth for neceſſity, and then abhorres it. She is the very Compendium and abſtract of al baſeneſſe, nor is there any abomination to which ſhe is vnapt. She is hell it ſelfe whilſt ſhe liues vpon earth, and her fire burnes as hot as Etna; to whoſe flames none can approach without either ſcorching or conſuming. And, (which is inexcuſable and inexpiable) ſhe makes a calling of accurſed Copulation, and iuſtifies it lawfull for her liuelihood. Shee is both men-

monſtruous and mercenary: Luſt and Murther are her profeſſions, and ſhe cares not who knowes it. Her veynes are fill'd with ſeuerall ſorts of poyſons, which ſwell till they burſt out into ſome loathſome excrement; and then, all that know her, hate her; and all that luſted after her, now loath her. As ſhee is an actor of any miſchiefe, ſo, at laſt, ſhee becomes the Emblem of moſt extreme miſery, who with halfe a noſe, and one eye, is making her farall end, and is happy if her torment end here.

25. *An ordinary Gamester,*

IS one that hath vſed many tricks and deuices to picke vp a baſe liuing, but finds no deceit ſo faire, quaint, and gentile as this ſlight of hand, this nimble god Mercury; this cunning trip of a Dye. Hee is neuer idle, nor euer well imployed, for he is ſtill thinking, plotting, and deuiſing to find out ſome foole to coozen. He is more couetous than any Vſurer, for he deſires but his principal with certaine intereſt, but this

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Youth cries, Haue at all; and is perpetually ſhuffling and cutting for aduantage. He is ſomewhat too prodigall of other mens purſes, eſpecially in his habit, which is commonly neat, if not braue and gallant; for his cloathes are his greateſt ſtocke, of which he ought to haue foure ſuits, two to weare, and two to pawne. The firſt makes him fit for his betters ſociety; the ſecond, for ſupply to his game, if he chāce to be ſpent: yet hee is very ſeldome but on the gaining hand, eſpecially when hee meets with ſome profuſe yong Prentice, or ſome yong Innes a Court Man

Man that hath lately receiued his quarteridge, for by theſe deuices hee diues into the pockets of the diſſolute, and as he gets it from fooles, ſo he ſpends it on Queanes. Curſing, ſwearing, and quarrellings, are his Nocturnall attendants, which ariſe from Choller, and the loſſe of Coyne, mixed with want of ſleepe. Hee prepoſterouſly alters the courſe of Nature, as he alters the Cards; ſleeps all day, and playes all night, onely hee will ſpare ſome time to eat and drinke drunk vpon a lucky hand, ſo that he hath no leaſure to pray, except to blind fortune. He neuer

uer thinks on his ſinnes, till he hath loſt all his ſubſtance, and then (if he hath but grace a little to pauſe on them) they flocke ſo faſt from his memory to his mind, that hee cannot endure their grim looks, and therfore chops them and his Dice together into his Box, and cries, Hang ſorrow, care will kill a Cat. He is one that ſeldome thriues in his By-path to his end, but his goddeſſe Fortune, at laſt, playes the whore with him, and leaues him in his greateſt extremity: And when hee hath neither to pawne nor ſell, hee is fore'd to borrow twelue pence to pay for his Ordi-

Ordinary, and ſometimes lyes a weeke together at the mercy of the Ordinary. Hee ebbes and flowes as the tyde, and nothing makes him hope any good of himſelfe, but his daily change, which perhaps may put him in mind of his laſt, that death may not catch him dicing, at hazzard, nor Time (whom he hath much abuſed) in fury breake his houre glaſſe, and ſo iuſtly by Cataſtrophe coozen him without care, that hath cheated ſo many without Conſcience.

26. *An Hoſt,*

IS moſt commonly a Corpulent fellow, ſo puſt vp with the vnctious Element of Ale, that his wicket is not wide enough for his paſſage, and therefore his gates are daily open, leſt they ſhould preiudice his guts. His chiefeſt liuelihood is by the commings in of others, and not of his owne. He is as greedy of Gueſts, as the Diuell of ſoules, and as loath to part with them; which makes him ſo often goe gaping to the

the Gate, with a Tapſter or Oaſtler in's mouth, gaping for new gueſts. His threadbare Salutation is alwayes welcome Gentlemen, which very words doe winde in the Tapſter, and conſequently a frothy Iugge; and it's ten to one, but ere you haue ended that, hee is entred into ſome ſtrange tale, perhaps collected out of his laſt nights dreame, and as true too, for herein conſiſts his beſt faculty, in miniſtring cauſe of mirth and newes to his weary and welcome Trauellers, (things to which he knowes mans Nature is much addicted,) for he reads more men

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than Bookes, and ſhould be wiſe, but that his head's too little for his body: yet if he catch your horſe in arrerages, you'll find him cunning enough, for hee'll raiſe his Creſt ſo hye, that he'll make the doore too little for him. He is a great husband in his drinking, for hee is neuer drunk at his own coſt, which makes my Oſteſſe beare with the beſtowers the better, and perhaps may requite them with a nights lodging for't in a time of need. He cannot ſubſiſt without company, tho he be Cuckold for't, and is neuer melancholly but when Gallants paſſe by his gates

gates without tarrying, or tarry till he is forc'd to truſt them; and then he mournes with Chine for a moneth after. His greateſt trouble is, that Phyſicians tell him, hee is ſubiect to the Dropſie, which he will not beleeue til he ſees it, and then hee and his purſe are purged together of ſome of their ſiniſter and ſuperfluous gaine. Drunkenneſſe and Gluttony are his beſt gueſts, of which hee is both entertainer & partaker; & grows fat by profuſenes, & rich by riotous reuellings; which tho it ſomtimes diſturbs the peace of his little common-wealth, yet the pay-

payment of the reckoning workes his pacification, with an (all's well that ends well.) His trade cannot faile ſo long as men haue mouthes and mony, which he knowes will be till both his leaſe and hee expire. He is a man of little or no faith, the cauſe hee doubts his ſaluation, yet bezils vp and downe, till hee waddles into his winding-ſheet, and then goes a iourny he knowes not whether; and it is wel for him, if at the end of his trauell, hee findes an Inne not worſe than his owne.

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27. *A Common Drunkard,*

IS a reaſonable beaſt, and a ſenſitiue man: a ſtrange Monſter, halfe man, halfe beaſt, ſwimming in the Ocean of *Bacchus*, and like the Whale belching and ſoming out of his mouth and noſtrils abundance of that frothy and vnſauoury Element he ſo lately ingurgitated and ſwallowed, to the amazement of thoſe ſmaller fiſhes that flocke together about him, and is drowned in his owne orbe. One whoſe eſ-

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ſential parts are ſo obſcured, his ſenſe ſo dulled, his eyes ſo dazeled, his face ſo diſtorted, his Countenance ſo deformed, his ioynts ſo enfeebled, and his whole body and minde ſo transformed, that hee is become the childe of folly, the deriſion of the world, and is led like the Oxe to the ſlaughter, as his owne executioner; yet in all this, his head beares the greater ſway, and his feet are not ſwift to do miſchiefe. His belly is his god, the which hee ouer-cloyes with drink-offerings, and he is alwayes indebted to my Oſſeſſe, and his belly to him, but

but he neuer to that, ſo long as his Purſe, Credit, or ſhame can make euen with it. He is one that either ſpues himſelfe out, or giues occaſion to be ſpurnd out of all ciuill Company. Apt to any thing he can ſtand to execute, (except Vertue) a meere ſtranger to him. Noddy is his vſuall game, and for Ale too; till hee growes ſo ſtupified, that he nods his Noſe vpon the Noddy boord, and in reuenge ſtrikes his oppoſite for the wrong offered, and there the game ends, and fray begins, and then cals for drinke to drinke himſelfe friends with them, which friendly

cup giues occaſion of a ſe-cond quarrell. Hee is the Mault-worme of the Com-mon-wealth, that ſuckes in the ioyce of the poore labo-rer, and leaues his owne fa-mily ſo dry, that they are ei-ther parch't with famine, or burnt with thirſt. In brieſe, hee is the off-ſcumme of the kingdome, and fit for nought but to ſet in the front of ſome vaine and voluntary voyage, leſt he ſhould runne away in the Rere, and rob his owne pariſh for euer after.

28. *An Elder Brother,*

IS oft-times the heire of Fortune, and folly, both together, and will ſtill maintaine the Proue. be, *Fortuna fauet Fatuis:* and as hee is heire, ſo is he often executor to his fathers ill-husbandry, which ſomtimes gripes him ſo, that it grindes his eſtate into a ſmaller quantity, to the diminiſhing of the Mannor, with the appurtenances. Hee is ſo incumbred with ſuch a Letany of Legacies for the ſmaller Infants, that

his wit is almoſt confounded with the very Catalogue of their names, if not wholly diſtracted in the diſcharge of their portions; for his braine generally is but ſhallow, and conſequently is ſoone empty, & as ſoone runs ouer. He is not giuen to trauell (the Ambition of ſharper wits) for he is in perpetuall trauell at home, whoſe ſtaidneſſe his Low-Country brother takes aduantage of, by ſtrong ſtratagems and deſignes of war, till (beſides his legacy) hee hath angled himſelfe into coyne enough to purchaſe him a Company, which hee diſſolues into Dutch Ale, and

and dries it vp with more dul Tobacco. His Lady with her Coach, haue run themſelues out of their way, her out of wits, and him out of his money, to vpold her fancy, and the new faſhion both together, till the Mercer for his money gathers into his eſtate by morgage; which, he is as wel able to redeeme, as to build *Pauls*, or rule his wife. His Ambition is ſtill to raiſe his houſe, though he ſels his land, and liue vpon the leaſe at the rate of the Purchaſe. Hee ſometimes hath wit or wealth enough to bee made a Iuſtice for the Peace, where his lookes be-

wray his learning, and hee neuer ſpeakes but to ſome or no purpoſe.

The Fates in Mercy made ſuch for the releeſe of younger *Mercuries*; and they make the beſt liuing and worſt vſe on't. And thus I leaue him, that often leaues many behinde him to the Tyranny of Fortune, whileſt hee is ſtudying his Pedigree.

29. *A yong Innes a Court Gentleman.*

IS an Infant, newly crept from the Cradle of learning, to the Court of liberty, from logicke to law(both grounded on reaſon) from his Tutor to the Touchſtone of wits, where he is now admitted amongſt the braue imps of the kingdome, to grow Pillars of their Countrey. Hee is his owne man now, and left to the view of faire vertue, and foule vice, the laſt of which layes ſiege

to his tender Walls, and often makes a ſhrewd Battery, if not quite ſcales it. He is one that for the moſt part forgets his errand, and ſtudies Poetry inſtead of *Perkins*. His greateſt care now, is how to carry himſelfe according to the dancing Art, and holds it a greater diſgrace to be Nonſuit with a Lady, than Nonplus in the Law. He tramples vpon the Termes oft, and holds it a baſe language, about which to buſie his more high and tranſcendent thoghts. When hee aſpires once to be a Reueller, he then reueales himſelfe to the full, and when he ſhould

ſhould bee mooting in the Hall, he is perhaps mounting in the Chamber, as if his father had onely ſent him to Cut Capers, and turne in the Ayre till his braines bee addled, and makes things meerely for ornament, matters of ſpeciall vſe. His Recreations and looſe expence of time, are his only ſtudies (as Plaies, Dancing, Fencing, Tauerns, Tobacco,) and Dalliance, (which if it be with Time, is irreuocable) and are the alluring baits of ill diſpoſed extrauagants. He is roaring when hee ſhould be reading, and feaſting when he ſhould be faſting, for his Friday-

night ſupper doth vſually equalize his weekely Commons, and it's to bee feared, he will exceed two meales in the weeke beſides, with lac't Mutton, for whoſoe're payes for his Commons, hee'll fall aboord. He is a youth very apt to bee wrought vpon at his firſt entrance, and there are Fiſhers of purpoſe for ſuch young fry. He atchiues much experience before he arriues at the Barre, and then (if euer) begins to ſtudy, when (for his time) he ſhould begin to plead. Amorous Sonnets, warbled to the Vyall, are his Cœleſtiall Harmony, and if you put a Caſe be-

betweene, you make a great diſcord. Hee loues ſenſe better than reaſon, and conſequently not ſo fit to make a Lawyer. Wherefore I could wiſh his friends to cauſe him to retire, before hee bee too farre ſpent, and to marry him before he be ſtarke mad, or a worſe miſcheefe (if poſſible) befall him.

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30. *A Low-Country Common Souldier,*

I San idle fellow, as weary of his owne Country, as that is of him, and leſt hee ſhould

ſhould be preſt ſome worſer Voyage, goes voluntary thither to auoyd it. One that hath tired al his friends here, and is now tranſported thither to trouble the Boares there, where hee is now admitted amongſt a multitude of miſchieuous fellowes, to learne all his poſtures; the firſt of which, is to double his Dutch Canne till his Tongue doubles betweene his teeth, and then to fall out till hee bee beaten into a ſtomacke. And when that ſmall quantity of coyne hee carried with him, is exhauſted, hee ſimply ſettles himſelfe to foure ſhillings for eight

eight dayes, which he pollitikely powres down his gullet in a day, and then lines by Virginian vapour a weeke after, till his ſtomacke ſo wambles, that hee is forc'd to lumber his vpper garment to ſupply his guts, reſeruing ſtill the Embleme of a Souldier (his Sword) and a Plimmouth cloake, otherwiſe call'd a Battoone. By this time hee is well entred, and will madly ſtrike vpon the leaſt occaſion, which his Schoole-fellows perceiuing, grow as mild now, as heretofore they were malapert; and will rather intreat him to drinke away his Choller

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or belt, than force him to the field. Hee is now growne to that height of valour, that he runs ouer a Dutch Froken, or else fals fowle vpon her, to the endangering of her firkin of Butter, and more solid Cheese, with no small effusion of teares from her fatter Ale-tub. These, with many other postures hee hath atchieued too by Stratagem, and thinkes himselfe a Serjeant Maior in these designes. As for his Pike & Musket he seldome troubles thē, except sometimes vpon meere compulsion to fill vp a Company. Halfe a yeere hath so qualified him, that for want of supply

ſupply, he begges for a furlow, and then legs with it, till hee arriues at his owne Shore, with two hempteere napkins pind together at his ſhoulders for a ſhirt, or elſe none at all. Thus hauing ſpent his ſpirits, he penſiuely creepes home with many creepers about him: where, hauing gathred vp his crums, tels ſuch lowd ſtories of the leagers he lay in, and diſcourſes ſo ſuperficially of the diſcipline of Warre, that hee amazeth ſome Countrey Traine-Captaine, inſomuch that hee courteouſly takes him to the Alehouſe, and giues him a Colours for't, which

which he gratefully accepts, and vowes hereafter rather to bee hang'd in his owne Countrey, than to be abus'd by Belgicke Counterbuffes. And though he hath not yet left his ſwearing, yet he hates lying *Per deiu* abominably. And hath gaind ſo much wit there, that hee thinkes the name of a Souldier makes a man valiant, rather than valour makes him a Souldier, which hee hath already for-ſworne.

31. *A Gentleman-vſher,*

IS a ſpruce fellow, belonging to a gay Lady, whoſe foot-ſtep, in times of Yore, his Lady followed, for hee went before. But now hee is growne ſo familiar with her, that they goe arme in arme, the cauſe ſometimes that he ſlights the Gentlewoman, and yet, vpon better aduice, pleaſeth her againe in ſecret. Hee is a man whoſe goings and ſtandings ought to bee vpright, except his Lady be crooked, and then 'tis no mat-

matter though hee ſtoope a little to pleaſe her humour. His greateſt vexation is going vpon ſleeueleſſe arrands, to know whether ſome Lady ſlept well laſt night, or how her Phyſick work'd i'th morning, things that ſauour not well with him; the reaſon that oft-times hee goes but to the next Tauerne, and then very diſcreetly brings her home a tale of a Tubbe. Hee is ſtill forc'd to ſtand bare, which would vrge him to impatience, but for the hope of being couered, or rather the delight hee takes in ſhewing his new Criſp't hayre, which his Barber hath

hath caus'd to ſtand like a print hedge, in equall proportion. He hath one Commendation amongſt the reſt, (A neat Caruer) and will quaintly adminiſter a Trencher in due ſeaſon. His wages is not much, except his quality exceedes, but his vailes are great; inſomuch that he totally poſſeſſeth the Gentlewoman, and commands the Chambermaid to ſtarch him into the bargaine. The ſmallneſſe of his legs bewrayes his profeſſion, and feeds much vpon Veale to encreaſe his Calfe. His greateſt eaſe is, hee may lye long in bed, and when hee's vp,

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may call for his breakfaſt, and goe without it. A Twelue-moneth hath almoſt worne out his habit, which his annuall penſion will ſcarcely ſupply. Yet if his Lady likes the Carriage of him, ſhee increaſeth his Annuity. And though ſhee ſaues it out o'th Kitchin, ſhe'l fill vp her Cloſet.

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32. *A Cuckold,*

IS a harmleſſe horned creature, but they hang not in his eies as your Wittals doe, the

the reaſon of his honeſty and th'others knauery. He confidently gleans after the reapers, not thinking of ſtealing, and kindely embraceth the leauings of his neighbors, and is aſwell ſatisfied as if he had the firſt cut, verifying the old Prouerbe, That the eye ſees not, the heart greeues not. Hee is very indulgent to his Spouſe, giuing her her own way in al things, leſt ſhe ſhould take it; knowing that women are moſt apt to forbidden fruit. There is a ſpeciall Sympathy, by inſtinct, betwixt him and his Cornuall or Cuckolder, for he alwaies loues him beſt, his wife

wife likes beſt (a ſpeciall token of a patient and true huſband.) Hee neuer greeues at his keeping of other mens children, for hee is very charitable that way; and(being fild with blinde zeale) loues them aſwell as if they were his owne. Hee palpably poſſeſſeth his place in his Pew, without the leaſt conceit of pointing at him, and welcomes him to dinner that is i'th diſh before him, which his wife paſſeth by without bluſhing, praying the Gentleman to be his owne Caruer, whilſt the ſilly man ne're dreames of her intent, after his deceaſe, or his then departure.

parture. He liues a very contented life, and is not troubled with Iealouſie (the torment of the mind) but takes all in good part, ſo ſhee bee pleaſed. Hee ſpends his time thus till hee becomes one of the Head-broughs of his Pariſh, and holds his veluet hornes as high as the beſt of them, he minds his owne affaires more than his wiues actions; and if he dyes not a Pricket, hee may liue to bee an old Stagge, a very Lordly beaſt.

33. *An Informer,*

IS a ſpye or knaue errant, that peepes into the breaches of penall Statutes, not for loue to the Commonwealth, as his owne lucre, amongſt which *aſſiſa panis & cerutiæ*, th'aſſize of bread and beere are his greateſt Reuenues, for winking at ſmall faults, and coozening the King and Subiects both at once: for though the pretence of his profeſſion be for the fulfilling of the Statutes, yet his Roguiſh myſtery aymes

aymes at his owne ends. He transformes himſelfe into ſeuerall ſhapes to auoyd ſuſpition of Inne-holders, and inwardly ioyes at the ſight of a blacke Pot or Iugge, knowing that their ſale by ſealed quarts, ſpoyles his Market, and abates his mercinary Coozenage. As he is an Informer, ſo hee ſhould be a Reformer, but for his quarterly fees from Taphouſes, for conniuance; which fees, are the cauſe of ſo much froth in the Tapſter, to recouer that againe of which he was cheated. Hee ſneakes like a Serieant into euery corner to take aduan-

tage, and drinkes vp mens drinke and makes them pay for it. As hee loues no man, ſo he is hated of all, and is very neere hell when hee is drunke in the Celler. Hee is the ſcum of Raſcality, and the abuſer of the King and his Exchequer both together; yet he ſeldome thriues in his impoſtures, in regard of his greater ſharers, whoſe vaſſall and ſlaue hee is. All men behold him with indignation, and point him out knaue in euery Pariſh, which he willingly puts vp, in hope, one day, to auenge himſelfe vpon their purſes. His gaine is extortion, which may in time

time pul both his eares from his head, or dig him a graue vnder the Gallowes, which he hath already deſerued.

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34. *A Bachelour,*

IS one that carries a great burthen about him, Concupiſcence; to which hee is either giuen ouer, or in perpetuall combate betwixt the fleſh and the ſpirit; He is neuer quiet in his mind, for he is continually chooſing, and commonly as ſoone diſlikes his owne choyce: a great point of folly in him to bee

prouok't to any thing either by opinion or purblind Paſſion. He is one whoſe honeſty cannot ſhelter him from ſuſpition, and imputation of his next neighbour, by reaſon of his ſuppoſed vigour. Hee dreames away his beſt time, and ſowes his ſeed in other mens gardens, (which they reape and are no gainers by it) whileſt hee hath ſcarce any left to ſowe in his owne. Hee thinkes himſelfe happy in that hee hath none to care for but himſelfe, whileſt he cares not at all for his Nobler ſelfe, his Soule, and dyes without a Vine to his houſe ſide, or an Oliue plant

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to his Table; ſo that poſterity ſhall not behold any of his Progeny. Hee courts each handſome obiect, his veines being full of *Venus*, and his heart of *Cupids* darts, which in ſhort time ſo ſting him, that happily ere long, he ſalutes *Hymen*, aud proues an honeſt man: for the obtaining whereof in his former eſtate he was farre out of his way, except made an Eunuch, and conſequently been hated by the ſofter Sex for euer after.

35. *An Vnderſhrieſe,*

IS an actiue fellow, begot by the Statute for a yeere, and then his name extinguiſheth, though he be ſharer in anothers, the next yeere after. Hee is the feare and terror of all debtors, as alſo the free entertainer of the Creditour, who daily ſolicites him with coyne, to be expeditious in his Catching, which hee diſcreetly entertaines with proteſtation of performance, whileſt a fee on the contrary forceth him to neg-

neglect, knowing that thogh delaies proue dangerous, yet all makes for his aduantage in the end. He is the birth, life, and death of the law. The birth is the firſt proceſſe; the life the execution, and the death the ſtopping the breath of the execution; by giuing notice to thoſe that neuer requite him with nothing. Hee is one ſubiect to much danger, and ought to haue both wit and valour, the one to defend his purſe, the other his carkaſſe, leſt the Exchequer cut the one, and the Countrey Rebel the other. He vnderſtands more than the high Sheriffe his

Maſter, and may well, for he buyes his wit of him (which is euer the beſt) and ſells it againe at a treble valew, prouing a great gainer, if his *Quietus eſt* doth not too much gripe him. He is outwardly reſpected more for feare than loue, and as little eſteemed when hee is out of his office, which will be next Michaelmas Terme, and then you may trade with him for ten groats (an Attournyes fee) his Collaterall profeſſion.

36. *A Drawer.*

IS one deepely read in the myſteries of the Celler, diuing into the ſecrets of Hogſheads, and is much conuerſant in the mingling of his Ware. Hee is of ſuch celerity, that hee aſcends the Staires in a moment, and deſcends them as ſuddenly, eſpecially when hee is throwne downe. He is one that truſts all commers (for he onely cryes ſcore it) but hee truſts them no further than he ſees them, and when

their braines and bellies are full, hee lookes they ſhould empty their purſes. Hee is ſubiect to many ill words, which he as patiently beares, as they are like to doe his blowes, if they want the Reckoning. Hee ſhould bee very wiſe by the continuall ſight of ſo many ſeuerall humours, and would be ſo, but for the fumigation of the Celler, which eleuates his wits, and makes them fly ſo high, that they ſometimes catch a fall. He is alwayes a good fellow, and loues a Gentleman, for that hee is ſometimes one himſelfe. He drinks the beſt drinke which breeds

breeds the beſt blood, the cauſe hee commonly loues a Wench, for hee is a man of great trading. I cannot tell whether his Maſter ſerues him, or he his Maſter, but I am ſure they cannot wel liue aſunder. Hee is now caſting about for ſome Merchants Credite, to ſet vp for himſelfe, that his wife may keepe the Barre, to attract Cuſtome, and he leaue his iourney-worke, and become as free to her, as thee may bee to others.

37. *A Good Husband,*

IS a man who ſteeres all his courſe in a right line, and weighes all his actions in an equall ballance; a very good Mathematician, for hee is alwayes within his Compaſſe, but neuer runs circle ſo long as to make himſelfe giddy. Hee cuts out euery thing into a geometricall proportion to his Rule and eſtate; nor doth his Senſe too much ouer-rule his Reaſon. Hee drinkes onely for thirſt, and eats only for hunger,

ger, knowing ſuperfluity to be the heyre of prodigality, and liberality the daughter of good husbandry, and medium betwixt two extremes. He is the ſole happineſſe of a good wife, and the torment of a Waſter. His children neuer liue to haue cauſe to curſe him, nor his ſeruants to accuſe him for their want of wages. He ſeriouſly viewes the folly of Profuſeneſſe, and is inwardly ſorry to ſee the fall of any. He is not ſo niggardly as to grutch himſelfe or his friend a good meale, but taſts freely (though temperately) of that God hath lent him, and thinkes

thinkes himſelfe no loſer by lending a little to the needy. His moderate diet giues him longer dayes, and his care in his calling frees him frō idleneſſe (the bait of his greateſt enemy) for in doing nothing men learne to doe ill. He loues not ſtolne waters, (though ne're ſo ſweet) but is ſatisfied with the breaſts of his owne bedfellow. Hee educates his children in a Religious way, knowing that Grace cannot want goods. And thus hee paſſeth his pilgrimage with a peacefull Conſcience, and leaues the world with all good mens applauſe, ſo that his Name dyes

dyes not with his nature. His tything in his life time was ſo true and conſcionable, that the Parſon preacheth his Funeral praiſe, and perhaps giues him gratis his buriall in the Chancell.

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38. *A Conſtant man,*

IS one who hath limitted his Paſſions, and ſet certaine bounds to his affections, louing ſtill in his courſe to hold the bridle firme in his hand, leſt careleſly letting the reines looſe, hee either ſtumbles dangerouſly, or fals very

very foule. His actions are ſolid, not phantaſtike, and he is very wary of promiſing anything that he either thinks or knowes hee cannot performe; for hee ſtill caſts beyond chance, knowing a poſſibility, and ſeeing a probability before hee paſſeth his proteſtation. Hee is one that keeps his mind within him, the reaſon why he thinks and ſpeakes both together, without any iarre betweene his tongue and his heart. His word is as good as his bond, and his conſcience the beſt debtor. His loue (if poſſible) is without luſt or icalouſie, fixed on vertue, where it ſtands

ſtands firme as a rock. Truth hath bound vp his Temples and diſcretion hath ſo knit the knot, that hee ſeldome makes his choyce ſo bad as to refuſe it, his word ſo large as to reuoke it, or his time ſo ſhort as to peece it with delayes at its period. Hee muſt needs bee very patient too, elſe his conſtancy could not continue, for impatiency breaks the fence of hope and ſtability, and lets in deſpaire and leuity, a couple of wilde Cattel that may ſpoyle a wel growne field. The wife that poſſeſſeth him is happy, for there is ſure hold of his word. Shee findes him at his

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appointed howre, which debarres her of many fears, and ſhe ne're eats her meat cold, by ſtaying for his comming. Hee hath wealth enough, if he hath but this one Vertue, for all men beleeue him, and dare truſt him. Time and experience haue wrought him into euery mans good opinion, and he ſtands vnmoued in all his dealings. He hates a lyar as a Theefe, and is the greateſt friend where he once profeſſeth. The world is now growne ſo wilde, that few men are of his minde, and fewer women, the cauſe of ſo many Cuckolds, periur'd perſons, and dying louers.

39. *A iealous man*,

IS one ſo ſtrangely and ſtrongly poſſeſt with the yellow Iaundis, that he thinks all things of yellow colour, which miſtake proceeds from the deſect of the eye, not the obiect. He is one whoſe mind is in a continuall labyrinth, the further it goes, the further perplexed; the more it looks, the more tormented, and yet ſees not in, but by imagination, which fooliſh fancy lyes ſo heauy in his forehead, that he takes it for a horne, though it bee but a pimple i'th' fleſh. Hee conſumes

ſumes himſelfe and his wiues reputation both together, by his too oft ẽ cauſeles ſuſpitiõ, and thinks a kiſſe (tho before him) a ſufficient cauſe of diuorce. He is the ſcoffe of his neighbors, and the bait that cauſeth many to nibble in ieſt, that hee might vex in good earneſt. He commonly dreames of his wife though neuer ſo broad awake, and would keepe her in a Cheſt but for feare of picking the locke, which ſets the greater edge to her appetite, and the greater madneſſe to his miſbeleefe. His braines are in perpetuall agitation, and in his phantaſie (being a kind of frenzy) ſees ſo many looſe paſſa-

paſſages in her, and laſciuious embraces by his ſuppoſed Corriuals, that hee's ſtarke mad at laſt with melancholy muſing. He liues in hell vpon earth, and is ſo beſotted, that he cannot ſee when hee is well. Hee is ſo farre gone in his diſeaſe, that all Phyſicians haue giuen him ouer, knowing there is but one medicine (amongſt all) to cure him of this malady; which is, to ſee that really acted which hee ſo ſtedfaſtly ſuppoſed; which (no doubt) will ſhortly bee effected, to the full recouery of the Coxcombe, and the manifeſtation of his error in's forehead, (an ornament fit for him.)

40. *A deſperate man,*

IS one who hath forgot God, the world, the Diuel, his Neighbor and himſelfe, and runs with precipitation into any danger. All his actions are violent, and therefore cannot bee permanent. He is a man of no faith at all, the reaſon he can apprehend no mercy from his maker, but all Iuſtice. He ſtill goes with *Cain's* feare about him, that euery man will kill him, whilſt hee himſelfe makes a trade of murthering; not ſcarce touch't for't till his fatall, and then it fals ſo heauy, that he cannot beare it. He is

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a man of no ſtaidneſſe, for he leaues a Rocke to build vpon the Sand. Some thinner ſculs thinke him valiant, becauſe he dares ſtab, or doe any ſudden miſchiefe: but the Schooles deny it, approuing valour to bee mixt with diſcretion (which a deſperate man altogether wants,) beſides, valour is a vertue ſpringing from fortitude, but raſhneſſe a vice ariſing from paſſion. He is one no way fit for any place, either in Church or Common-weale, for he that cannot guide himſelfe, is moſt vnfit to gouerne others. Hee is a man of ſmall or no hope, for hee is left to himſelfe, and then ſcarce a man.

man. Hee doth all things without premeditation, the reaſon why ſo many diſaſters attend the end of his actions, which hee commonly feeles before he ſees. All that know him ſhun his ſociety, not ſo much for feare of him, as the law, knowing that his fury will force them to ſome further inconuenience. Hee is ſetled and veſted in this villany, and takes a pride to be talked of for his treachery, and is ſtill glorying in his owne ſhame. New-gate or a worſe place, wil ſhortly take poſſeſſion of him, if he mend not his manners, for a graceleſſe man is good for nought but a gallowes.

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A true friend,

IS a Fountaine that cannot bee drawne dry, but alwayes affords ſome freſh and ſweet waters to him; whoſe neceſſities and extremities enforce him to fetch it. Hee is a mans ſecond ſelfe, as deere as a good wife, more deere than a brother, elſe the wiſeſt King had beene miſtaken: but our times iuſtifie his Prouerbe true, which hee knew before. He is *Solamen in miſeriis*, a Copartner in

diſtreſſes with you, and inwardly (not fainedly) beare halfe the burthen. Loue and amity hath ſo knit him to you, that 'tis a queſtion whether you be two or one, reciprocally anſwering each other in affection, and are equally ſenſible of each others defects or diſturbances. Hee is no Meteor or Comet, no nine dayes wonder, or wandring Planet, but a fixed Starre, by whoſe operatiue influence, his needy is nouriſhed. For hee is not compos'd of words, but actions, alwayes ready at a deadlift, to draw Dun out of the myre. Not onely a bare

bare Counſellor to goodneſſe, and ſo leaue you without meanes of proſecution (the niggardly wiſedome of theſe times) but an aſſiſter in the way, and goes on the firſt mile with you for company, and lookes after you in the reſt of your iourney, if he doth not trauell throughout the ſame. Hee neuer aymes at any of his owne ends in doing courteſies, but doth them freely and quickly; not drownding his good deeds in the dull performance; for, *Qui citò dat, bis dat*; He that giues timely, giues twice. He's a certaine perpetuity,

that cannot be loſt by non-payment of Rent, and ought to bee loued aboue fee-ſimple. He is the pillar of conſtancy, & the very touchſtone of Truth. One that lookes vpon men with the eye of Religion, and is not rounded in the eare with worldly applauſe for it. Hypocriſie and vaine-glory are as farre from his heart, as the contrary Poles are from each other, for his right hand ſhall not know what his left hand doth. Hee is (in theſe iron dayes) *Rara auis in terra*; a blacke Swan, or a white Crow, as rare as the Phœnix, and ſuch a precious Iewell as

the Indies cannot afford his his parallell. He is moſt happy that hath him, and *I* aduiſe him to make much of him, for hee hath great fortune indeed, if he findes a ſecond.

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